

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A friction material for a synchronizer ring, comprising 30 mass% to 80 mass% of ~~(A)~~ a calcined petroleum coke with an ash content of 0.1 mass% to ~~8~~ 1 mass% ~~or (B) a pitch coke with an ash content of 0.1 mass% to 8 mass%~~, based on the whole friction materials for ~~a~~ the synchronizer ring,

wherein not less than 50 mass% of the particles of the calcined petroleum coke have a particle diameter of 0.1 to 0.5 mm.

2-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) The friction material for a synchronizer ring according to claim 1, comprising 50 mass% to 75 mass% of the calcined petroleum coke ~~or the pitch coke~~, based on the whole friction materials for ~~a~~ the synchronizer ring.

7. (Previously presented) The friction material for a synchronizer ring according to claim 1, further comprising 10 mass% to 30 mass% of a thermosetting resin, 5 mass% to 40 mass% of inorganic fibers and/or inorganic particles.

8. (Previously presented) The friction material for a synchronizer ring according to claim 1, further comprising not more than 5 mass% of graphite.

9. (Previously presented) The friction material for a synchronizer ring according to claim 1, further comprising not more than 10 mass% of metal fibers and/or not more than 10 mass% of metal particles.

10. (Previously presented) The friction material for a synchronizer ring according to claim 1, wherein the thermosetting resin is a novolac type phenolic resin.

11. (Currently amended) A friction material for a synchronizer ring, comprising 30 mass% to 80 mass% of ~~(C)~~ a calcined petroleum coke with an ash content of 0.1 mass% to 1

mass% ~~or (D) a foundry coke with an ash content of 5 mass% to 8 mass%~~, based on the whole materials; 10 mass% to 30 mass% of a thermosetting resin; 5 mass% to 40 mass% of inorganic fibers and/or inorganic particles; and not more than 5 mass% of graphite, wherein not less than 50 mass% of the particles of the calcined petroleum coke ~~or the foundry coke has~~ have a particle diameter of 0.1 to 0.5 mm.

12. (Currently amended) A wet friction material, comprising 30 mass% to 80 mass% of ~~(C) a calcined petroleum coke with an ash content of 0.1 mass% to 1 mass% or (D) a foundry coke with an ash content of 5 mass% to 8 mass%~~, based on the whole materials; 10 mass% to 30 mass% of a thermosetting resin; 5 mass% to 40 mass% of inorganic fibers and/or inorganic particles; and not more than 5 mass% of graphite, wherein not less than 50 mass% of the particles of the calcined petroleum coke ~~or the foundry coke has~~ have a particle diameter of 0.1 to 0.5 mm.

13. (New) A synchronizer ring, comprising the friction material according to claim 1.

14. (New) A synchronizer ring, comprising the friction material according to claim 11.

15. (New) A synchronizer ring, comprising the wet friction material according to claim 12.